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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : David Allison Bennett, et al.  
Application No. : 09/684,871  
Filed : October 6, 2000  
Title : APPARATUS, SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ONLINE,  
MULTI-CARRIER, MULTI-SERVICE PARCEL SHIPPING  
MANAGEMENT FEATURING SHIPPING LOCATION  
COMPARISON ACROSS MULTIPLE CARRIERS  
Grp./Div. : 3629  
Examiner : Thompson, Michael M.  
Docket No. : PSTM0003/MRK

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Attached are the following:

1. **REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION ("RCE")** with an electronic authorization to charge the below-identified Deposit Account for the appropriate RCE fee (3 pages);
2. **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 27, 2010** (pages 1-18; in which no new claims have been added -- resulting in no additional claim fees);
3. **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ("IDS") UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(c) TRANSMITTAL LETTER** (pages 1-2);
4. PTO Form **SB/08a** (4 pages); and
5. "Pdf" copies of six (6) cited Non-Patent Literature Document References.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment and Response concurrently filed herewith is filed in response to the Office Action, dated May 27, 2011, regarding the above-identified application. The Office Action, designated a "final" rejection, set a

three-month period for reply, namely, until August 27, 2011, a Saturday. It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment and Response concurrently filed herewith is timely filed within the three-month reply period set by the Office Action because it is filed before the expiration of August 29, 2011, which is the first business day following the August 27, 2011 date set by the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed concurrently herewith is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(4), a Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently herewith; no fee is therefore required.

Further, the Commissioner is hereby authorized, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3), to treat any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for the above-identified application, requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21, including any required extension fees, which may be required during the **pendency** of this application to Deposit Account No. 501574 and to treat this authorization as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply or correspondence for this application requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission. Please show our docket number (**PSTM0003/MRK**) with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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